



The President's Daily Brief

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THE PRESIDENT'S
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1. Czechoslovakia -
Soviet Union

The Cierna meeting evidently resulted in some formula that will permit the Czechs and Soviets to step back from their direct confrontation.

President Svoboda intimated yesterday that the Czech side had gone some way toward meeting Soviet demands for a strengthening of Prague's links with the Warsaw Pact. We think this could include agreement for an extended Soviet military presence. Svoboda said the Russians in turn sanctioned Czechoslovakia's domestic reform program. How this will work out remains to be seen.

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A further meeting in Bratislava has been called for Saturday. This will involve the East Germans, Poles, Hungarians, and Bulgarians, in addition to the Soviets and Czechs, and it is probably meant to tie down the terms of the Cierna arrangement.

2. Mexico

Last night's massive march of students and teachers in Mexico City was largely peaceful. Further disorders are possible, however, when news of earlier student deaths spreads.

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3. Philippines

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4. Israel-Jordan

New Israeli accusations of terrorist raids may be setting the stage for another retaliatory strike against Jordan. A Tel Aviv spokesman yesterday claimed that there have been 32 terrorist ambushes within the past two weeks, with many casualties, and accused Jordanian Army troops of cooperating with the terrorists.

5. France

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6. Communist China -
North Vietnam

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7. Southern Yemen

Widespread tribal disorders are still plaguing the countryside. The government's problem of containing the dissidence has been compounded by the defection of its security chief to Yemen along with some army and security officers. Aden remains outwardly calm, but antigovernment comments are increasingly heard.

8. Guatemala

The wounding of three rightist political leaders in Guatemala City yesterday apparently was part of a Communist plan to set off a vendetta between the ruling party and its major rightist opposition.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL
ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

There is nothing of significance to report today.

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